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Greetings Ken:

We were pleased to receive your letter yesterday. Too bad you didn't get a chance to visit our office at the University. Maybe next time?

The hotel passed my message to you all right, but garbled it somewhat. I said I was in Moose Jaw occasionally and would contact you if and when. Not soon, as they suggested. I have a brother and his wife there. We spent New Year with them. We may possibly motor to Winnipeg in October, via Moose Jaw. However it seems you may be in Edmonton before that, so be sure to contact us.

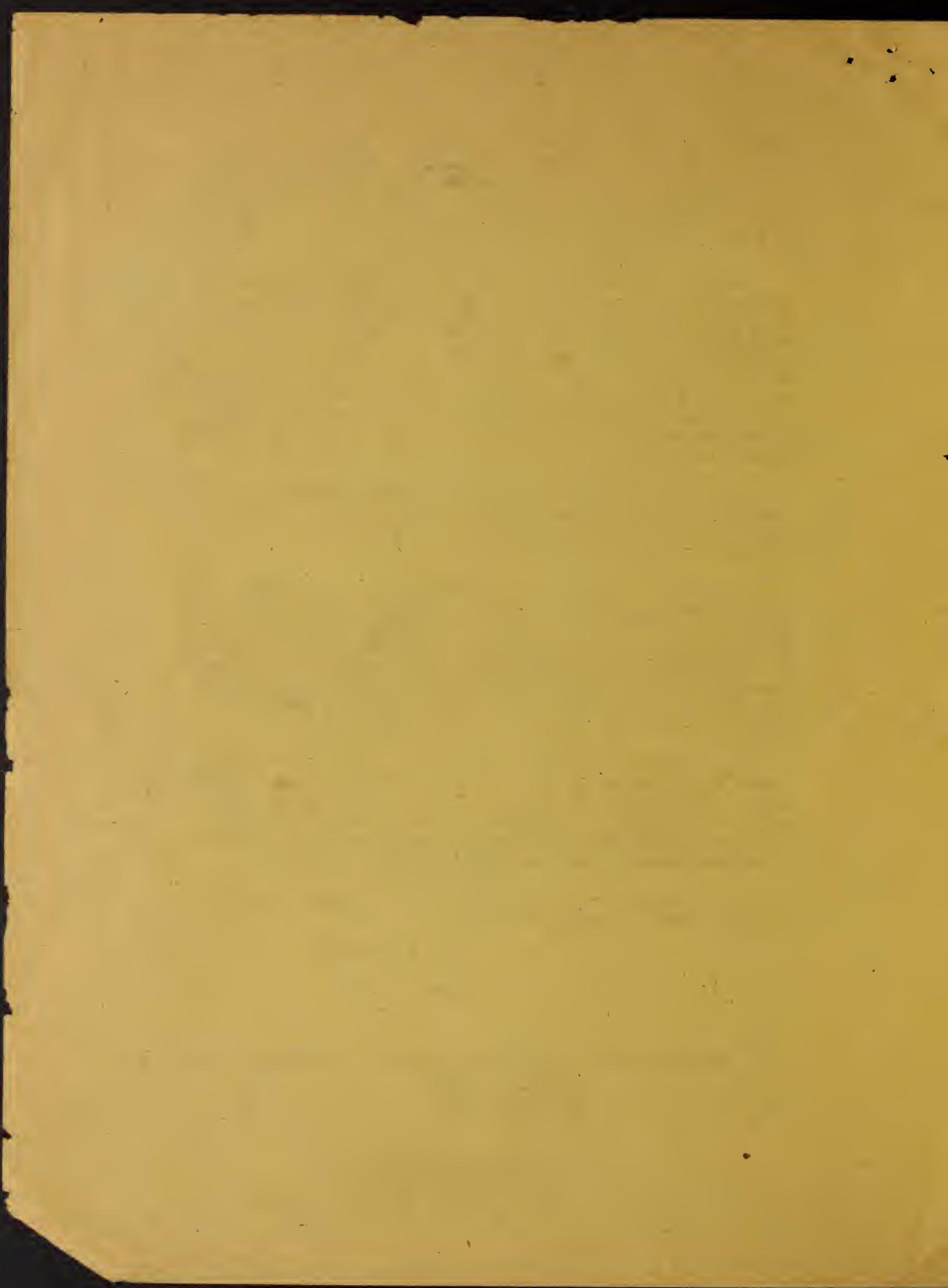
My brother - Al Fryers - was a member of Technocracy in the 1930's, but seems to be on the other side now - somewhat hostile and very critical. Of course his wife, Nan, has always been anti-Technocracy. A lot of wives seem to be that way. We are very short of female support; here in Edmonton, anyway.

We have had this office in The HUB (Housing Union Building) at the University of Alberta for some 5 or 6 years now. Growth has been extremely slow. Response from the University, either by staff or students, has been negligible, so far. Of course, conditions are changing, so we will continue to make our presence known.

One of our members - Mike Rennick - has a relative by marriage in Moose Jaw who is a long time member of Technocracy. He is Art Olson, at 1312 Redland Ave. I contacted him on several occasions a few years back when he had a shop downtown fixing small motors and such. His wife seemed supportive too. You seem to have a good contact too. Maybe we could have a session for all, sometime. Art Olson visited this office about a month ago, but I missed him.

I am a longtime friend of Ron Morgan of Saskatoon. He referred me to you when you were in Saskatoon and I think I paid a brief visit to your downtown operation one time when passing through.

* Scott died in 1970, which I am sure you know. Last year CHQ lost John Sheldon, a key staffer there. Spitler is now full time in charge, supported by Stella Block of course. The organization is very weak, but there are stirrings of new activity here and there.



Your visit for ten days with CHQ in Rushland, Pennsylvania, sounds interesting. I would like to get a copy of the tape you made and would also prepare a transcription of it. I would be glad to pay the cost of a copy of the tape. It has long been a matter of great regret on my part that I did not visit Scott prior to his death and offer such encouragement and appreciation as I could.

You ask what is happening to the organization as a whole. The best source of news of that sort is the Vancouver Section's bulletin: 12349-1 Section Activities Calendar, issued monthly on a subscription basis @ \$3.75 a year, as of Oct. '79. It does seem to reflect an acceleration in public interest, and organizational activity. But we have a long way to go yet. This 'recession' has not reached the stage of a 'depression' comparable to the 1930's. In fact, in the face of the mid-term elections coming up in the U.S. in November I would expect the political administration to arrange a pseudo-up-turn to sweeten the pot a bit and corner some votes.

Canada seems to be getting into a worse condition sooner than the US. But keep in mind that the 1929 'crash' took a couple of years to mature. Not enough people are hurting yet. Worried, yes. But desperate, no. It takes time.

Tonight is Tuesday evening - the time of our weekly public meeting here in the HUB. Usually we have some free notices in The Edmonton Journal, and perhaps the Bulletin of the University. None lately, so we depend on walk-in traffic. Last week we had about 5 walk-ins. Nothing yet this week. We have four members here 'on duty'. The 92nd Street Lounge, across the Mall, has been set up with visual display equipment, and placards. We will man the literature tables until about 10 pm.

This Unit has laid in a fairly good supply of literature and occasionally supply some to other members. One Jim Davidson of Winnipeg has ordered 50 T.T.S.D.'s from us! He was once an Organizer, but incurred the displeasure of CHQ and finally resigned or was dismissed. But he keeps on working at it with missionary zeal, so we don't discourage him.

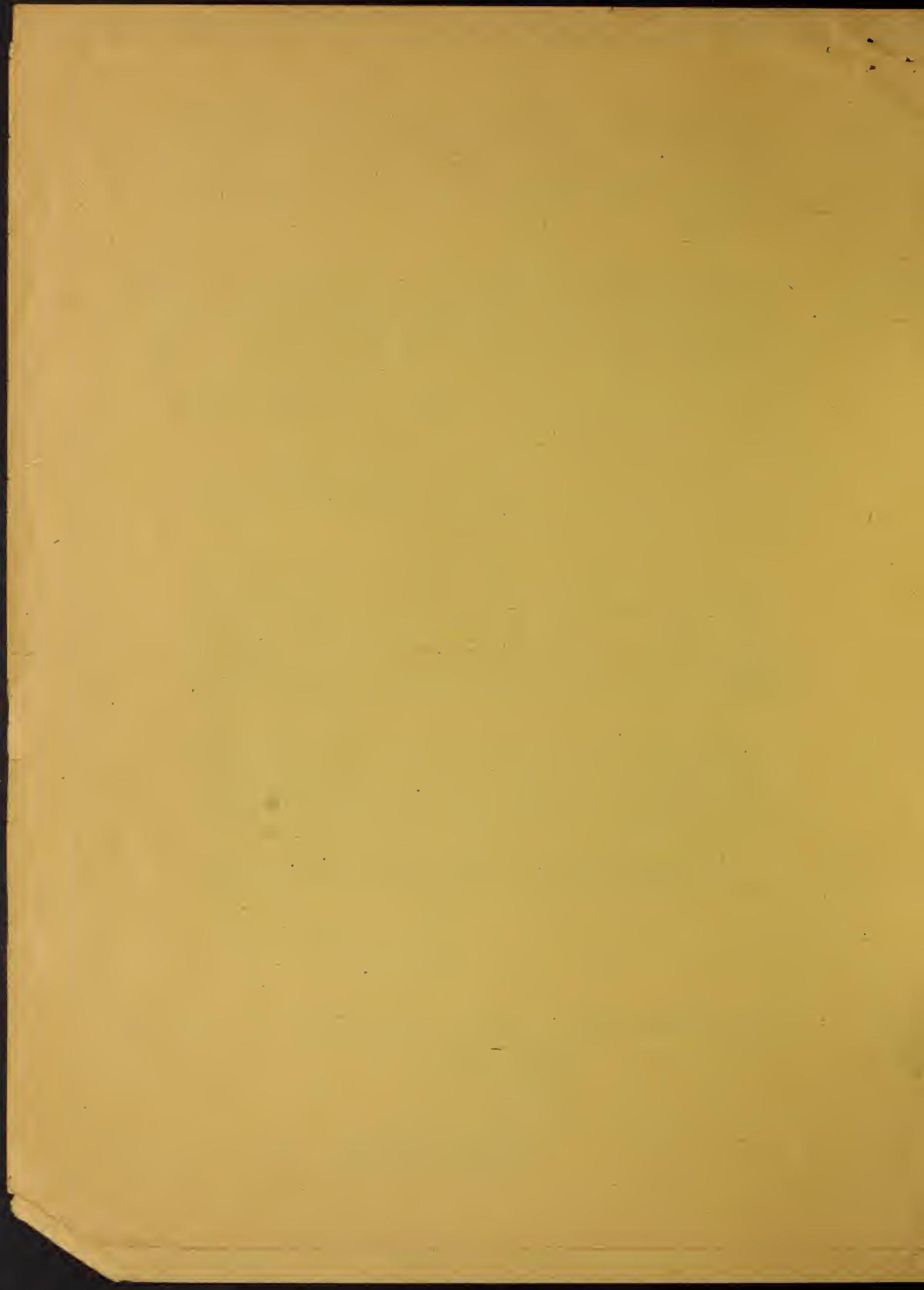
Well this seems like a fairly adequate response to your letter. Good luck with your efforts.

Still on track,

Walt Fryers.

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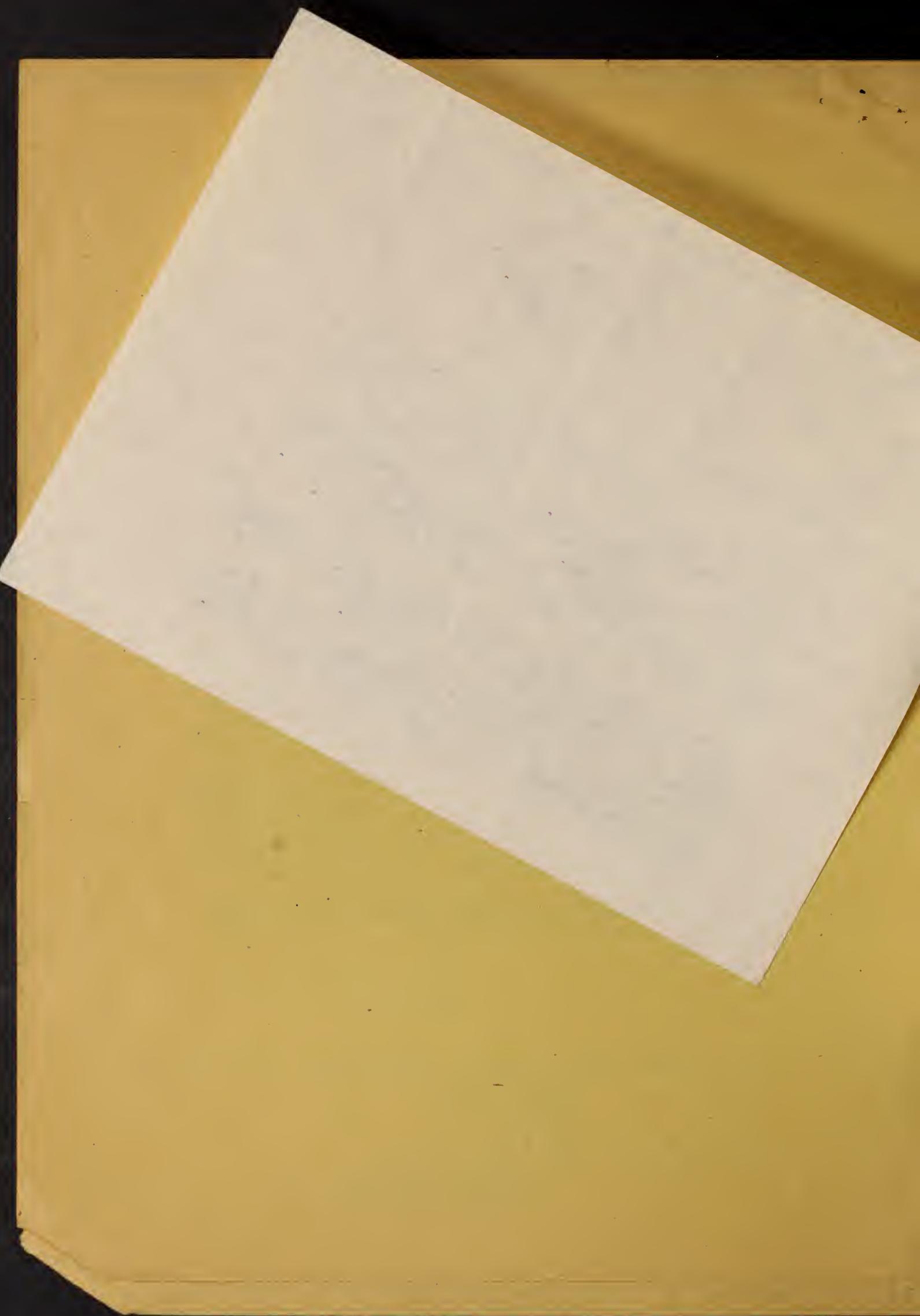


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Greetings Walter:

I received your message in response to my taped enquiry on your answering service while I was in Edmonton in which you told the young man who answered your call that you would be in Moose Jaw soon and would contact me. If this message was relayed to me correctly, then I will be looking forward to this meeting. Again it is possible that I will be in Edmonton before too long for a very short visit at which time I will contact you too. Please send me your address and phone number.

I was extremely well pleased when I found Technocracy listed in HEAVY PRINT in the phone book. I was surprised too for I looked with a very negative attitude not expecting to find it at all. Please drop a return note. Tell me briefly what is going on at CHQ. Any recent deaths in our leaders? What is happening to the organization as a whole. I have been a member constantly since 1940



I visited Scott for ten days in Pennsylvania and have a tape that we made together. He was a very sick man then (1965) as I was too for I was developing a bowel cancer at the time and my energy was very low. Because of the two of us being low much enthusiasm was lost in the ~~\$Q~~ ten day meeting. However it was an event that I had promised myself for many years.

I'm sure you can understand the frustrations of being a Technocrat in a city in which even past technocrats still living have given up being even interested. I feel that I am very much alone here and on any conversation lightly referring to Techn. predictions especially in the light of the chaos now spreading the results in a feed back are most discouraging...so you don't say too much. Many people equate my personality as a rebel and therefore resent and become disinterested as soon as I discuss the present mess of political stupidity and price system insanity.

Well any way Walter. Please drop a line at your earliest. I have one friend here who knows Tech well. I started him ~~in~~ many years ago. He is a super personality and well educated. He accepts it. If you come I have promised him a joint meeting of the three of us.

happy landing Walter

